

Asian Political Landscape: China-Philippines Sea Tensions, Myanmar Leaders

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1. Which country did Myanmar's President Min Aung Hlaing make an official five-day visit to on May 30, 2026, his first foreign trip since being appointed president?

- A) Thailand
- B) China
- C) India**
- D) Russia

2. In late May and early June 2026, new tensions in the South China Sea emerged near the Philippines due to the appearance of several large objects, presumably placed by China. Which contested shoal was the epicenter of these developments?

- A) Spratly Islands
- B) Paracel Islands
- C) Scarborough Shoal**
- D) Thitu Island

3. In the 2026 Indian state legislative assembly elections, which political party achieved a significant upset, ending the Trinamool Congress's 15-year rule in West Bengal?

- A) Indian National Congress
- B) Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam (DMK)
- C) Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP)**
- D) Aam Aadmi Party (AAP)

4. Chinese Communist Party (CCP) General Secretary Xi Jinping visited which country from June 8 to 9, 2026, to discuss strengthening cooperation across various sectors, without mentioning denuclearization?

- A) Vietnam
- B) North Korea**
- C) Laos
- D) Mongolia

5. In May 2026, what action did China's People's Liberation Army Navy undertake around Taiwan, marking a shift from occasional military exercises to a more persistent presence?

- A) Conducted joint naval exercises with Russia
- B) Deployed a new aircraft carrier fleet
- C) Maintained a near-continuous ring of warships**
- D) Established a permanent military base on a nearby island

6. Which nation was acknowledged and praised by the international community for its central role in brokering a preliminary peace agreement between the United States and Iran in June 2026?

- A) Turkey
- B) Qatar
- C) Pakistan**
- D) Egypt

7. In May 2026, the Philippines and Japan announced plans to hold bilateral talks to delineate their Exclusive Economic Zones (EEZs), specifically excluding which other entity?

- A) South Korea
- B) Taiwan**
- C) Vietnam
- D) Malaysia